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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please add the following new paragraph and the following sub-title as the first paragraph after the title.

--This application is a 371 application of PCT/GB01/01615 filed April 10, 2001 and which claims priority from United Kingdom patent application number GB 0008784.1, filed October 4, 2000.

Field of the Invention--

On page 1, please add the following sub-title after the first full paragraph and before the paragraph beginning "Elevated blood plasma...".

--Background of the Invention--

Please add the following sub-title before the last paragraph which bridges page 2.

--Brief Summary of the Invention--

On page 2, please add the following sub-title and description before the last full paragraph which begins with "Examples of suitable binding agents...".

--Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 shows the effect of reducing agent removal on the background signal in a Hcy assay;

Figure 2 shows the correlation of the assay of the invention with a commercial Hcy assay;

Figure 3 shows the effect of pyruvate carboxylase in a Hcy assay; and

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Figure 4 shows a flow diagram of various steps involved in embodiments of the invention.

Please replace the original Abstract with the Abstract found on a separate sheet at the end of this paper.